
Arrowhead News

Centre for Native Education

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Welcome to the end of the semester!

In case you hadn't noticed, the end of the semester is upon us! The last day for classes is Monday, Dec. 6th, there is a make up day from Thanksgiving on Tuesday, Dec. 7th, and the final examination period runs from Dec. 8th to the 23rd. The Centre for Native Education will remain open for regular business hours during this time, from Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. If you need to use a computer, want to relax between exams or those last few classes, or just a place to study, drop by and have a coffee on us. We'd love to see you!

Final Exams...ouf.

Yes, it's that time of year again. Finals. (*sigh*) We have made it this far in the semester, and now it's just the last stretch to finish up. Can we do it? Of course we can!! It can sometimes be painful to have to write exams, or final term papers, but once it's done, we all get to relax a little over the holidays. If you haven't written a final exam before, you should know a few things:

- You **must** bring your student ID with you to an exam in order to write it.
- Make sure you have everything you will need with you since you are not normally allowed to leave class during the exam. Pens, pencils, erasers, white-out, Kleenex, etc.
- Take in a bottle of water in case you get thirsty from nervousness.
- Keep your pockets free of loose papers, or anything that could even remotely possibly be thought of as contributing to cheating.

- Wear a watch so you can manage your time around your questions.

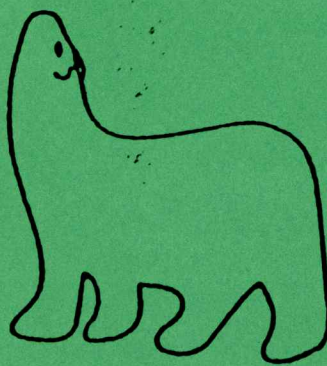
- Under no circumstances should you communicate in any way to another student during the exam.

So there are a few essentials to writing exams. If you are really having a hard time dealing with exam anxiety, check out Health Services as they have solutions to help you with coping with stress and anxiety. Good luck!

Ho! Ho! Ho!

'Tis the season to be jolly! Yeah, right. Gotta tackle those exams and papers first, then go shopping, battle the hordes in the stores, wrap everything and try to remain merry in the

process. Hmm...maybe a party would help? Why not? The Centre for Native Education will be holding its annual Christmas Potluck party on Wednesday, December 8th, from noon until whenever! Everyone is invited to come and bring something delicious to share with the rest of us, and spend the afternoon just having a relaxing time. We will be holding a gift exchange, but its not mandatory. If you'd like to take part in it, bring a generic gift worth \$5.00 or less, wrapped, and we will do an exchange. If you'd rather not, no worries, just come and eat and have a good time anyways. All our Native students, and their families are welcome. Please RSVP us to let us know who's coming and what you'll be bringing. We don't want to have 14 pasta salads on our hands and only one cheesecake. (Now, 14 cheesecakes and only 1 pasta salad might be okay...ha!) Please let us know if you're bringing your children, so Santa can plan to have a little something for them! The phone number for RSVP's is 848-7326.



It's the last one this semester.

This year we have been serving up free breakfast to our Native students here at the Centre the first Monday of each month. All Native students, and their families are welcome to join us as we start the month off! Doors are open at 9:00 am and food will be served until noon. December 6th marks the last one this semester. We hope to see you there!

School will be closed...

The university will be closed from December 24th until January 3rd, inclusively. First day of classes starts on Tuesday, January 4, 2000. Have a good time over the holidays and hopefully we'll see you in January...provided the apocalypse doesn't come...! Speaking of which...

Are you ready for Y2K?

There has been all this talk floating around about the end of the world, from Hollywood to the café on the corner, everyone is wondering what will happen? Maybe something, maybe nothing. Whatever you choose to believe or not, there is a small list of things to have on hand in case we lose power for a few days. This is the list as seen on CBC news:

- Canned or dried food
- Bottled water
- Candles
- Batteries
- Cash.

Don't wait for the last minute to get these things either, as probably everyone in the western world will want the same stuff. It doesn't matter if you believe nothing will happen will or not, these are just practical things to have on hand in case there is any kind of power outage. (Think: Ice Storm) Stock up now and avoid the rush. Whatever happens, the Centre plans on being open for business as usual on January 4th at 9:00 am.

Profile: Tomson Highway

Tomson Highway is a Cree from the reserve at Brochet, Manitoba. He was born in the bush, along with his 11 brothers and sisters, and lived there for the first 6 years of his life, trapping and fishing with his family. From the

ages of 6 to 15, he was sent to a Roman Catholic Residential School, and after graduating from there, he went on to the University of Manitoba to study piano in the Faculty of Music. With his Bachelor's of Music Honours, he stayed an extra year to complete the course needed to obtain his Bachelor's of Arts in English. This was the year he met James Reaney, one of Canada's most respected playwrights/poets.

Once out of university, Tomson worked extensively in a variety of Native organizations, working in Friendship Centres, children's programs, and prisons. He was just generally familiarizing himself with the organizational network of Native lives and politics in this country.

At the age of 30, he decided to write his first play, *The Rez Sisters*. It took Canada by storm, winning Tomson the Dora Mavor Moore Award for best new play. Since then, he has also written *Dry Lips Oughta Move to Kapuskasing*, among others. More recently, his screen play won critical acclaim for *Smoke Signals*. If you haven't checked out our books by Tomson Highway, we encourage you to do so. He is certainly a good role model for our people.

Read! Write! Hand in!

In case you didn't already know, the Centre for Native Education holds several books to help you write your final papers. We have books on Essay Writing, English Grammar and the MLA Handbook. These books can be signed out like any other book we have, for the standard two week period. We also have dictionaries and a thesaurus for in house use only. A special thanks to Donna Jacobs for donating some of those to us! Meegwetch!

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